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1. INSPECTION BY COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS POLICE AT BOGOTA'S ELDORANI AIRPORT IS A ROUTINE OCCURRENCE. ARREST FILES IN SCS SHOULD SHOW THAT MAJORITY OF ARRESTS OF AMCITS IN COLOMBIA CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS, TAKE PLACE AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS. SUBJECTS WERE SEARCHED AT THE AIRPORT SPECIFICALLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRINGENT NARCOTICS INTERDICTION PROGRAM OF THE COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES.

2. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, GOC AUTHORITIES' INSISTENCE ON

BODILY SEARCH IS EFFORT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF THEIR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION PROGRAM WHICH USG OFFICIALLY ENCOURAGES THEM TO DO. TO SOME DEGREE AS WELL, THEY RECIPROCATATE AND FOLLOW OUR LEAD IN THAT US CUSTOMS SEARCH OF COLOMBIAN CITIZENS IS QUITE STRINGENT, AND HAS RESULTED IN NUMEROUS COLOMBIAN COMPLAINTS SIMILAR TO THE INSTANT CASE.

3. SUGGEST SCS CONTACT COLOMBIAN DESK FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING DRUG PROBLEM IN THIS COUNTRY. DESK HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED APPROPRIATE REPLIES TO COMPLAINTS

OF THIS NATURE.

4. IN VIEW OF SEVERAL SIMILAR COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM
AMERICAN TOURISTS, EMBASSY WILL CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES SOME ASPECTS OF THE INSPECTION
SUCH AS A FAILURE OF PLAINCLOTHES NARCOTICS POLICE TO
IDENTIFY THEMSELVES, WHICH WE FEEL TEND TO PRODUCE
REACTION OF FEAR AND RESENTMENT ON PART OF TOURISTS
BEING SEARCHED.
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